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1. KIM Il-song has ordered the formation of a special internal intelligence organization to report on Labor Party members in government agencies, party headquarters, trade unions, business and social organizations, and the armed forces. The North Korean Labor Party Central Committee has decided to put a party commissar to report on all the above activities. Because the deputy ministers are unable to control the political thinking of their subordinates, KIM Il-song and the Labor Party Central Committee feel that there is a need for political commissars loyal to the Party with the sole function of reporting political deviations. The political commissars will have the rank of deputy ministers but will not occupy these positions.¹
2. The head of the internal intelligence organization will be HO Ka-i, the pro-Soviet confidant of KIM Il-song. HO will have absolute power and will not be responsible to the Ministry of Social Security, which is the established intelligence agency.
3. The political commissar appointed to report on members of the Korea-Soviet Cultural Association is PAK Chang-kun (朴昌健), aged 31. PAK has been secretary to YIM Hwa (林和), the deputy chairman of the Association, who was trained in Moscow and who is a trusted HO Ka-i follower.

1. Comment. The existence of political commissars or officers in North Korean agencies and the army has long been accepted.

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